

# SPACEMAKER

McClellan Air Force Base, Calif.

April 22, 1999 Vol. 40, No. 15

## AT A GLANCE

### Month of the Military Child

In observance of April as the Month of the Military Child, Services' Family Support Flight and the Base Library will present an exhibit of children's art in the Base Library's multi-purpose room.

Glitter, bright feathers, stick designs, dancing people shapes, and paintings with hands, brushes, blocks, and bingo markers may be seen in a charming show by budding artists. Children in the Child Development Center, Youth Center, and Family Child Care, created the art pieces which will be shown throughout April.

For further information, call the Base Library at 643-4640.

### Earth Week Activities

Educational opportunities continue during Earth Week. The following activities are planned for today:

- 6 p.m. West Nature Area
- Earth Day Creek and Vernal Pool Tour
- Guest speakers on the importance of creek and vernal pools

Limited seating. For more information or to sign up, call Merianne Briggs, 643-1742, ext. 457, or Roxanne Yonn, 643-1742, ext. 354.

See Pages 6 and 7 for a Creek Week feature.

### Travel Voucher checklist

Submitting a travel voucher is much easier than you think. All that's needed to compute and pay your voucher in a timely manner is the following:

- Four copies of completed DD Form 1351-2
- One copy each of your receipts
- All supporting documentation (i.e., actual expenses authorization letter)
- Four copies of your travel order amendments

Staple all items together in the above order and submit the voucher for payment.

### Inside

Opinion	Page 3
Life Insurance	Page 4
Creek Week Feature	Page 6
Health News	Page 9



U.S. Air Force photo by Edward Rivera

### X marks the spot

Dillon Jones, 6, a scout representing the Golden Empire Boy Scout Council shovels away some earth so his fellow scouts can plant a tree during the McClellan Arbor Day Celebration Monday. In addition to the tree planting, the scouts competed in a poster contest judged by Col. W.P. "Bear" Ard, 77th Air Base Wing, commander, Paul Brunner, director, Environmental Management and Bill Fiedler, area forester for the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. The theme for the contest was "A Tree is ...". The first place honor went to Thomas Pugh, 10, second place went to Ben Kaiser, 10, and third place to 16-year old Elijah Benson. The McClellan Arbor Day Celebration was one of three events in observance Earth Week. Another event that took place last weekend was Creek Week. See highlights from Creek Week on Page 6 and 7.

## AFMC commander names first executive director

**Lt. Col. Sue Baker**  
AFMC Public Affairs

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio Wednesday, Gen. George T. Babbitt, commander, Air Force Materiel Command, named Dr. J. Daniel Stewart as AFMC Executive Director, effective in June.

As the top-ranking civilian in AFMC, Dr. Stewart will be an integral part of the senior leadership team in the commander's office, according to General Babbitt. "Dr. Stewart, who has the background, tenure and experience of a top senior civilian, will be a co-leader of this command, along with myself and the vice-commander — critical to the everyday decisions we make in leading AFMC. Although he will not be limited to human resources issues, he will ensure that we remain true to our commitment to pay as much attention to the command's civilian work force as we do to its military members."

As former executive director of the Air Armament Center at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., Dr. Stewart sees his new role as multifaceted. "My expectation is to share in the leadership of this command and to help

shape its future," he said. "It's important, as the first person in this job, that I help shape and define the role of the command executive director, and build on the complementary relationship between our military and civilian work forces."

One of Dr. Stewart's main objectives will be to help commanders and headquarters directors inspire AFMC's work force to achieve its command goals. "I'll use every opportunity and forum to communicate and reinforce the importance of the command goals, and find ways to reward our people as they succeed."

In terms of management style, Dr. Stewart believes in a flexible approach. "As a manager, I think I adapt more to the situation," he said. "If the situation demands that I become more 'hands-on,' I'm not afraid to get involved. But I prefer to have 'hands-off,' to empower people, tell them what's expected, motivate and reward them."

The Executive Director's view of AFMC is framed within a business-oriented, technology-driven environment. "In AFMC, change is the norm and we have to be comfortable with change to manage it effectively," he said. "It's really an attitude; the first thing you have to do

SEE DR. STEWART ON PAGE 3

## Comptrollers net Air Force award twice

**Smokey Bassett**  
SM-ALC Public Affairs

Lightning rarely strikes twice in the same place. And like lightning, major Air Force awards are rarely won twice. So it was a pleasant surprise when the Air Force Comptroller announced that the McClellan Comptroller's Logistics Systems Management Division would be presented the coveted Air Force Financial Management and Comptroller Special Acts and Services Award — for the second year in a row.

"Comptroller staffs and organizations from more than 110 installations worldwide compete for the extremely competitive awards," stated Michael Frayne, FMD division chief.

The award recognizes outstanding achievements by the FMD Defense Contract Audit Agency Compliance Office. The team was tasked with implementing the Sacramento Air Logistics Center Accounting Policies and Procedure Handbook. The handbook was developed due to a DCAA audit of the center's accounting and cost estimating systems in May 1997. Established in June 1997, the compliance office used a number of methods to ensure continued compliance with DCAA directives and to help directorates identify and correct deficiencies with local cost accounting processes. This included internal audits of procedures and assisting with training on the new

SEE COMPTROLLERS ON PAGE 5



Action Line

643-3344, [actionline@email.mcclellan.af.mil](mailto:actionline@email.mcclellan.af.mil)

Everyone working  
four tens would save  
Air Force money

**Q** Why don't we have the option to convert to 10-hour days base wide and close the base every Friday? I realize that some people can't incorporate 10-hour days into their schedule, but if some offices don't have work to accommodate the work force, why are they maintaining their staff? We could save so much money for the Air Force, and each Friday looks like a ghost town around base.

**A** Several years ago, when compressed work schedules were first being evaluated, the option of 10-hour days with Friday off was given serious consideration. However, due to the nature of our mission, management determined that it would not be in the best interest of our customers to close the base every Friday. As a result, only a very limited number of organizations currently offer 10-hour workdays as an option.

Commercial ads must  
be fair for all

**Q** In our building's work area, we have a table displaying poster ads, business cards and a mail-in survey for a realtor located near one of the bases in Air Force Material Command where some of our people are going to be transferred. Is this acceptable?

**A** This is an on-base solicitation for business and should be approved by the 77th Support Group commander. If this display only represents one realtor, it is not appropriate and would probably not be approved if the display gives an unfair advantage to one realtor and could be perceived as showing that the base favors this business over others. However, if all realtors are allowed to participate and the proper approval is obtained, such

displays may be allowed.

Cold War Certificate  
order form on Web

**Q** I am interested in getting a Cold War Certificate. How can I get a certificate of release or discharge from active duty?

**A** The Secretary of Defense has approved awarding Cold war recognition certificates to members of the armed forces and government civilian employees who faithfully served

the United States during the cold war era, Sept. 2, 1945 to Dec. 26, 1991.

Members who are requesting a DD Form 214 to support their Cold War Certificate requests should visit the website <http://sdcw.army.mil/coldwar> instead of contacting Headquarters Air Force Personnel Center.

If the member entered the service after 1979 or reenlisted after 1979, there is no requirement for a DD Form 214 when the member reenlists. The DD Form 214 is required only for when they separate or retire.

If you need more information, call Staff Sgt. Steven Hoing, Noncommissioned Officer in Charge, Customer Service Section, at 643-6274.



Col. W.P. "Bear" Ard  
77th Air Base Wing commander

Since I've been your wing commander, I've had much opportunity to hear from you on how we can make things better. This **Action Line** has been a key avenue and remains a good means to obtain feedback on how we're doing and how we can improve.

If you have or see a problem, try to work it through the responsible agency or activity first, since that will provide the most rapid resolution or action. If you still can't get the problem resolved, then try to work it through your chain of command. If the problem still exists after you've taken these two steps, then let me know so we can try to help.

In your request, please be brief, but include enough information to address the entire issue. Also, please let me know the specific action you want taken. I need your name, duty phone, and address so that we may send you

a written response. I treat each call very seriously and read each response. If I feel the issue is of interest to the entire McClellan community, we may also print it and the response in the **Spacemaker**.

Our overall goal is to better serve you. In this same vein, we also like to highlight those areas that provide high quality or exceptional support, so we can build upon and expand them. To do these things, I need your involvement.

I also welcome your input in other ways. On a quarterly basis, I hold Town Hall meetings with community members, and I regularly meet with various groups on base (the Chiefs, First Sergeants, etc.). Please plug into one of these avenues to get your voice heard. You have a say in how we serve you!

Action Line  
643-3344

Action Line  
77 ABW/CC  
5241 Arnold Ave.  
McClellan AFB, CA 95652-1086

[Actionline@email.mcclellan.af.mil](mailto:Actionline@email.mcclellan.af.mil)

Base Phone Numbers

AAFES.....	920-0537
Civilian Pay.....	643-6725
Civil Engineering.....	643-5624
Civilian Personnel.....	643-2860
Commissary.....	643-4954
Crime Stop Hotline.....	643-6161
Dining Hall.....	643-5092
Family Support.....	643-1106
Focus Center #1.....	643-5661
Fraud, Waste & Abuse.....	643-6000
Housing.....	643-6221
Legal.....	643-3150
Lodging.....	643-6223
Medical.....	Appointments..... 643-8400
After Hours.....	643-7212
TRICARE Service Center.....	(800) 242-6788
Military Pay.....	643-6965
Military Personnel.....	643-1094
Public Affairs.....	643-6127
Retiree Activities.....	643-2207
Security Forces.....	643-6160
Services.....	643-6660
Social Actions.....	643-3322
Supply.....	643-5213
Uniform Questions.....	643-4051

Your Say

What good book have you read lately?



"Elizabeth, a historical biography about Queen Elizabeth."  
**Jennifer Tucker**, dependent wife and student



"Drawing on the Powers of Heaven, by Grant Von Harrison."  
**Master Sgt. Todd Caldwell**, 77th ABW, Operations Division



"The Testament, a man is looking for an heir to a fortune who doesn't want it."  
**Olive Claffey**, Base Library



"The Greedy Hand, about how taxes destroy America."  
**Dan Robinson**, retired Air Force Senior Master Sgt.

Air Force Vision

"Air Force people building the world's most respected air and space force ... global power and reach for America"

Air Force Materiel Command Vision  
"Quality Systems for America's Air Force"

Sacramento Air Logistics Center Vision  
"Completing the mission of McClellan AFB with professionalism and honor"

SPACEMAKER

This funded Air Force newspaper is an authorized publication for members of the U.S. military services. It is printed under contract by The Auburn Journal, of Auburn, Calif. Contents of **SPACEMAKER** are not necessarily the official views of, or endorsed by, the U.S. Government, DoD, or the Department of the Air Force. The editorial content is edited, prepared, and provided by the Public Affairs Office at McClellan Air Force Base, Address: SM-ALC/PA (**SPACEMAKER**) 3237 Peacekeeper Way, Ste. 5, McClellan AFB, CA 95652-1048. Phone: (916) 643-6100 or DSN 633-6100. **Deadlines** for articles or photos is noon, Wednesdays, eight calendar days prior to publication date. To e-mail stories or information for publication in the **SPACEMAKER**, send to [stubbs.ester@email.mcclellan.af.mil](mailto:stubbs.ester@email.mcclellan.af.mil). Photos are U.S. Air Force photographs, unless otherwise indicated.

SPACEMAKER

Bldg. 200, Room 125  
(916) 643-6100

<http://www.mcclellan.af.mil/PA/spc.htm>

Public Affairs Editorial Staff

Brig. Gen. Michael P. Wiedemer.....	SM-ALC Commander
Col. W. P. Ard.....	77th ABW Commander
Maj. Robert J. Gonzales.....	Director, Public Affairs
Victoria R. Pettaway.....	Chief, Internal Information
Ester A. Stubbs.....	Editor
Laura J. Williams.....	Staff Writer
Edward Rivera.....	Staff Writer
2nd Lt. Robert A. Firman.....	Staff Writer

# Children can learn important lessons from core values

2nd Lt. Jess Smith

Beale Air Force Base Public Affairs

As the Month of the Military Child, April is a time to re-focus on children and families. In 1997, more than 670,000 service members were parents of 1.3 million children. In the days of increased temporary duty assignments, long workdays and frequent moves, life for children in military families can be lonely.

The Month of the Military Child gives parents an opportunity to focus more attention on children and to remember the important role their example plays in children's lives.

Children need positive role models as they grow and parents should fulfill this vital role. Unfortunately, the world is full of negative influences. However, as members of the U.S. Air Force, we can fight this negativism by serving as examples of how to live honorably. What better way to teach our children than to exemplify our core values?

As the basis for all other core values, "Integrity first" should be a fundamental lesson from parents to children. This concept not only helps them appreciate how their military parent lives, but also helps them develop a moral compass as they grow. An understanding of integrity helps children learn why they shouldn't lie to their parents or steal from others. It helps them know that integrity is doing the right thing even when no one else is looking.

Understanding the concept of "Service before self" helps children make decisions and understand the decisions their parents make. Parents can explain why they have to work late or why their family is moving again as a "service" to their country. The U.S. military's mission is important and children should be proud of what their parents do. Learning service also helps children set priorities; for example, doing work before they play and thinking of others before themselves. Throughout life, children will benefit as they face things

that must be accomplished and people who must be helped before they can play, both at work and at home.

Striving for "excellence in all we do" gives children a standard to emulate. As Air Force people, we constantly look for opportunities to improve the way we work and the way we live our lives. Giving children the encouragement to fight for excellence also helps them develop self-confidence as they set goals and follow their dreams.

Our core values are a fundamental part of our lives both at work and at home. It's important to keep them in focus — for our children and us. Setting aside time to teach these values is not always easy, but those few minutes can yield benefits for a lifetime. Families are important to the Air Force and the base provides a variety of opportunities for families to grow together. The Community Support Center at 643-1106 has the information you need to take advantage of these opportunities.

## DR. STEWART

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

is convince people that change means opportunities and challenges, rather than gloom and doom.

"Our job, as senior leaders, is to set the vision, the goals, and measurable objectives to reach those goals," he explained. "People are our most important resource, and we tend to forget that. We need to manage our people resources as vigorously as we manage our funding and other assets — to empower people after setting the course, and get them to buy into where we need to go."

According to Dr. Stewart, "In addition to empowering people, including responsibility and accountability for achieving the objectives of the organization, we have to have a way to motivate and incentivize them, by recognizing their accomplishments, in appropriate ways at appropriate times."

The greatest challenge facing tomorrow's AFMC, as seen by Dr. Stewart is equipping the Air Expeditionary Force warfighter, in an environment of constrained resources, both dollars and people, and downsizing pressures.

"We have a BRAC on the horizon. Without a doubt, we'll continue to face those kinds of pressures," he said. "Another pressure we have to deal with in the next five to 10 years is competitive sourcing and privatization, and its impact on the morale of our work force."

In terms of helping AFMC shape the future of the Air Force, Dr. Stewart focuses on the new. "We have to recognize that the Air Force is undergoing revolutionary change in the way it will fight in the future," he said. "The systems of the past are not optimized for this new Expeditionary Air Force and AEF. We will have to continue to find ways to develop and acquire these capabilities, in spite of all the pressures.



U.S. Air Force photo by Michael E. Wallace

Dr. J. Daniel Stewart becomes the first Air Force Materiel Command executive director in June.

One way Dr. Stewart sees AFMC meeting this challenge is through the quality, caliber and experience of its people.

"We have to do what we've always done -- rely on the ingenuity and innovation of our people," he said. "This command has an astounding work force — one that's been able to persist, in spite of all these pressures over the last decade, due in large part to its excellent leadership."

Another huge challenge for AFMC today is military and civilian shortfalls in personnel. "We have shortfalls in the civilian area because we've been unable to recruit due to downsizing over the past decade — and that's resulted in changing demographics," he explained. "These shortages in AFMC's military and civilian work forces are aggravated by competition (for potential employees) with the private sector, at a time when we're enjoying a robust economy and lows in unemployment."

There are certain tools that can help leaders manage AFMC's work force more effectively, Dr. Stewart said. "The tools we have to shape that work force in some areas are inadequate — take the Voluntary

Early Retirement Authority and the Voluntary Separation Incentive Program, for example," he remarked. "The rules of applying these tools are such that they can only be used for involuntary separations, not for force shaping."

Correct shaping of tomorrow's AFMC work force is absolutely critical to Dr. Stewart's agenda.

"We have to shape the work force to make sure we have the right skill mix in the right areas in the future," he said. "We have a command-wide, Integrated Product Team, that is now looking at what that skill mix should be in the year 2005, versus where we are today, and how to get there from here."

"Once our IPT has defined where the work force management tools are inadequate, we may need to opt for certain changes in policy," Dr. Stewart explained. "This may also

***"Aerospace is the right term to describe the Air Force of tomorrow — we can neither rely totally on air, or totally on space, but we have to rely on both in a complementary fashion."***

require some legislative initiatives, congressionally mandated changes, to help us tackle some of these problems, both on the military and civilian side."

As the Air Force becomes more of a CONUS-based force, according to Dr. Stewart, "our challenge is going to be to develop and acquire equipment suitable for an agile combat AEF force in the future," he said. "We need to modify and sustain what

we have and reduce the logistics footprint of our weapons and support systems, so the AEF can carry more of them into the fight." Such activities impact everything in AFMC, Dr. Stewart indicated. "From research and development, to acquisition and sustainment of these systems, that's an important role this command will play in shaping the AEF," he said. "As far as space operations, there is more we can do in space, particularly as we move toward leveraging air and space."

Dr. Stewart continued, "Aerospace is the right term to describe the Air Force of tomorrow — we can neither rely totally on air, or totally on space, but we have to rely on both in a complementary fashion."

Believing that jointness is "the wave of the future," Dr. Stewart believes that the services actually work together on more collaborative projects than given credit for.

"It's important as we continue to get pressures to downsize and rely even more on other services that each service preserve its core competencies, to look beyond that to areas where they can rely more on other services, to reduce their total cost of operations. This is key is to work jointly -- leverage each others' assets, and reduce the total cost of our operations to the taxpayer."

There's another dimension to jointness, according to Dr. Stewart.

"We talk about jointness, but we need to think about this environment in terms of partnerships with other federal agencies, as well as with industry because they, too, have gone through significant downsizing. They can't afford to retain many of the capabilities they once had because the market is not there.

There are many areas where the government and industry can partner together to reduce their individual costs, and thus reduce the totals costs to the taxpayer."

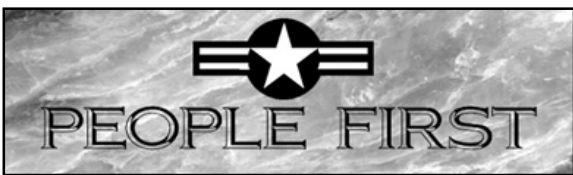


# Competitive sourcing, privatization unit maps way

In today’s Air Force, competitive sourcing and privatization is needed to free up critical funds for commanders to meet future challenges as the service’s missions evolve.

For years, Competitive Sourcing and Privatization has been in-place. However, many people do not understand the process. In keeping with the Air Force tradition of taking care of its own, the deputy chief of staff for personnel established a CS&P office in May 1998 to serve as the focal point for issues related to CS&P and to help Air Force people better navigate through the process.

Since opening its doors, the CS&P office has made great strides in helping military and civilian people pre-



pare for future competitive sourcing studies. Their efforts include a *Handbook for Civilian Personnel on Competitive Sourcing and Privatization* and development of a CS&P course for Air Force personnel specialists.

The CS&P staff realizes how stressful consideration for competitive sourcing can be for Air Force people. One of their goals is to make the process less taxing through education by providing personnel flights with information about the process. In addition, the staff has daily contact with major commands and functional experts that are considering competitive sourcing studies, to make sure personnel implications of studies are considered.

More information about the CS&P office is available at <http://www.dp.hq.af.mil/DP/dpfx/CS&Pindex.html>.

## Time to make life insurance changes

Courtesy Civilian Personnel Office

A Federal Employees’ Group Life Insurance Open Season will be held Saturday to June 30.

During the open enrollment period, physical examinations are not required. You may elect any life insurance you don’t currently have as well as increase family coverage up to \$25,000 for a spouse and up to \$12,500 for each eligible child. Coverage elected during the open enrollment period will become effective April 23, 2000 if you are in a pay and duty status at that time. Premium payments for newly elected coverage begin when the coverage becomes effective.

Changes which will be effective Saturday:

- The majority of FEGLI premiums will be reduced effective Saturday.
- Premiums for optional insurance will be increased the pay period following the birthday moving you from one age band to another (every five years). Prior to this change, rates increased the January following the 5-year birthday.
- Retiring employees may elect to maintain unre-

### Basic Insurance

Withholding from employee: \$0.1550 per \$1,000			
Government contribution: \$0.0775 per \$1,000			
	Option A	Option B	Option C
AGE	(per \$1,000)	(per multiple)	
Under 35	\$0.30	\$0.03	\$0.27
35-39	0.40	0.04	0.34
40-44	0.60	0.06	0.46
45-49	0.90	0.10	0.60
50-54	1.40	0.15	0.90
55-59	2.70	0.31	1.45
60-64	6.00	0.70	2.60
65-69	6.00	0.90	3.00
70 and over	6.00	1.40	3.40

duced Options B and C insurance.

More detailed information can be obtained from the Internet at [www.opm.gov/insure/life](http://www.opm.gov/insure/life) or <http://www.apps.opm.gov/calculator/index.htm>. Open season forms will be made available to employees as soon as they are received. Questions regarding the FEGLI program should be addressed to the Benefits Section of Civilian Personnel at 643-5702.

### Closure Corner



**Building walk through process information:**  
**Expectations Meeting**  
1st Tuesday of each month, 2:30 p.m.  
**Walk Throughs**

Building #	Walk Thru Date	Organization
711 C	April 27	LA
1021	April 27	LA
1027	April 27	LA
1028	April 27	LA

**Project Officer**  
Jan Miller, CLC, 643-3286, Ext. 234  
**General Information**  
•WalkThrus meet at Bldg. 35 at 1:15 p.m.

## FOCUS Center Jobs

This section contains some of the job announcements available at the McClellan FOCUS Centers. For additional information, contact one of the FOCUS Centers: #1, 643-5661 or #3, 643-6808. FOCUS #1 is open until 7 p.m Thursday.

**Position:** Financial Analyst, GS-1160-07/09  
**Annc#:** ED9-99-08  
**Close:** May 12  
**Location:** Sacramento  
**Agency:** Office of Inspector General  
**POC:** Sharon Wysinger (415) 556-4125  
**Remarks:** Copies of the vacancy announcement are available in the FOCUS Centers. Review announcement and contact agency for KSA or additional information.

**Position:** Auditor, GS-511-07/12  
**Annc#:** ED9-99-07  
**Close:** Today  
**Location:** Sacramento  
**Agency:** Office of Inspector General  
**POC:** Sharon Wysinger (415) 556-4125  
**Remarks:** Copies of the vacancy announcement are available in the FOCUS Centers. Review announcement and contact agency for KSA or additional information.

**Position:** Staff Assistant, GS-301-07/11  
**Annc#:** F9 RMA 143  
**Close:** May 10  
**Location:** Davis  
**Agency:** Dept. of Agriculture  
**POC:** Phone: (703) 812-6339  
**Remarks:** Copies of the vacancy announcement are available in the FOCUS Centers. Review announcement and contact agency for KSA or additional information.

**Position:** Secretary, GS-318-07

**Annc#:** R5-278-99G  
**Close:** May 7  
**Location:** Vallejo  
**Agency:** Forest Service  
**POC:** Dawn Hayhurst (510) 559-6364  
**Remarks:** Copies of the vacancy announcement are available in the FOCUS Centers. Review announcement and contact agency for KSA or additional information.

### Non Federal Jobs

**Position:** Street Maintenance Worker I  
**Salary:** \$11.40 - \$14.55 per hour  
**Close:** Friday  
**Location:** Roseville  
**Remarks:** Copies of the vacancy announcement are available in the FOCUS Centers.

**Position:** General Services Technician I  
**Salary:** \$1,527 - \$1,868 per month  
**Close:** Friday  
**Location:** Nevada County  
**Remarks:** Copies of the vacancy announcement are available in the FOCUS Centers.

**Position:** Senior Clerk  
**Salary:** \$22, 128 - \$27,012 annually  
**Close:** May 7  
**Location:** West Sacramento  
**Remarks:** Copies of the vacancy announcement are available in the FOCUS Centers.

### San Francisco BART

The FOCUS Center is sponsoring an open house for San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit, Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in FOCUS Center #1, Bldg. 9.

BART has immediate vacancies in the field of electronics. Copies of vacancies and duty descriptions are available in the FOCUS Centers or from their web site [www.bart.org](http://www.bart.org). Other vacancies are also posted on their web site.

Representatives will be present to explain the application process, answer questions and collect resumes.

For additional information, call Karen Hehe at 643-5661. Note: Administrative leave is not authorized for this function.

### U.S. Postal Service

The FOCUS Center is sponsoring the U.S. Post Office Pre-Hire Orientation, April 29 from 9 a.m. to noon in the Base Theater.

The orientation is open to all McClellan employees who have successfully passed the U. S. Postal Examination. Sacramento District Post Office personnel staff will explain the application, hiring and transfer processes and discuss available positions. A question and answer session will follow the orientation.

For additional information, call John Jacobs at 643-6808. Note: Administrative leave may be authorized for this function.

# Base civil engineer, housing draw down

Alan S. Williams  
SM-ALC Public Affairs

The 77th Civil Engineer Group commander held a town hall meeting April 15 at the Base Theater to inform base-housing residents of the closure processes.

Col. Tom Hayden, 77th CEG commander, spoke to about 50 Capehart housing residents to further educate them about the two different methods that can be used here to close base housing as part of the draw down to closure. This was a request made by many housing residents at the two meetings held last month. McClellan leadership is in the process of conducting a survey of housing residents in order to determine which method is preferred and would cause the least impact on quality-of-life here.

The first method, "freestyle," would allow residents to remain in their current homes until Jan. 31, 2001.

Freestyle should decrease the

quality-of-life impact for McClellan families due to multiple moves. A family would only have to move at the end of their assignment when they leave McClellan Air Force Base permanently. It would also significantly decrease the amount of taxpayer dollars spent to relocate families within the housing areas as the base moves toward closure.

On the down side, eventually there could be families living alone in neighborhood areas. Although security patrols should still be active at that time, this method could leave a family virtually helpless against break-ins, vandalism and vagrancy, because they would be living on a street, block or even blocks with unoccupied houses.

"The freestyle method could attract an undesired element to the housing area," said Hayden. "One of the main objectives is to keep our families in a safe environment while we complete the housing closure phase."

The second method, known as

"Controlled" would close the Capehart Housing Area in an orderly manner, also with an occupancy end date of January 31, 2001.

Although the details would have to be worked out, an example of a controlled plan could be: closing three areas of Capehart housing on certain dates, beginning with the Blackfoot Street area of housing by March 1, 2000; the area from there to the Youth Center by October 1, 2000; and then the houses closest to Watt Avenue, along with homes in Wherry and Historic by January 31, 2001. This is only an example at this time. If the controlled method is selected, all the details will have to be worked out.

The controlled approach would cause families to relocate, but only once during housing area closure. In other words, families living in the Blackfoot Street area would either move to vacant homes in the area closest to Watt Avenue or to main base housing, either Wherry Housing or the Historical District, or off-

base. If there are not enough vacant houses to accommodate all those who want another base house, then a lottery would be conducted to see who gets another house and who has to move off base.

"The controlled method is completed in phases and would decrease security risks to families, allowing them to remain in occupied neighborhoods until the housing closure is completed," stated Hayden. "But, for families who choose not to relocate within housing and decide to live on the local economy - Dislocation Allowance is authorized. Funding has also been set aside for telephone and cable reconnections on or off base for residents affected by the housing closure," he added.

Each home should receive a survey and families are encouraged to reply immediately so everyone's choice can be considered in the final decision. After responses are received, the data will be compiled and a decision can be expected sometime in the next month.

## COMPTROLLERS

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

guidelines for material and timekeeping.

Trained workers are the keys to achieving compliance in all areas. Keeping this in mind, the team led the initiative and helped Production Support Training in developing and presenting handbook training classes.

Numerous employees received training on Job Order Number close out procedures, suspense processes, and courtesy storage processing. Training on how to use the Employee Daily Time Utilization Record timecards was provided to direct labor supervisors as a part of the overall compliance program.

According to Linda Courtemanche, DCAA Compliance Office project officer, the new hand-

book procedures were implemented throughout center in September 1997. "Implementing the handbook was a successfully coordinated effort between the compliance office and the product directorates." She also noted that, "the endeavor put forth by all employees and supervisors to ensure compliance helped to make this an award winning project."

"Striving for compliance was an extraordinary undertaking, one the entire center should be proud of. The payoff is better management of Air Force resources. It's no accident that the center had the best depot maintenance operating results in the command last year," said Frayne.

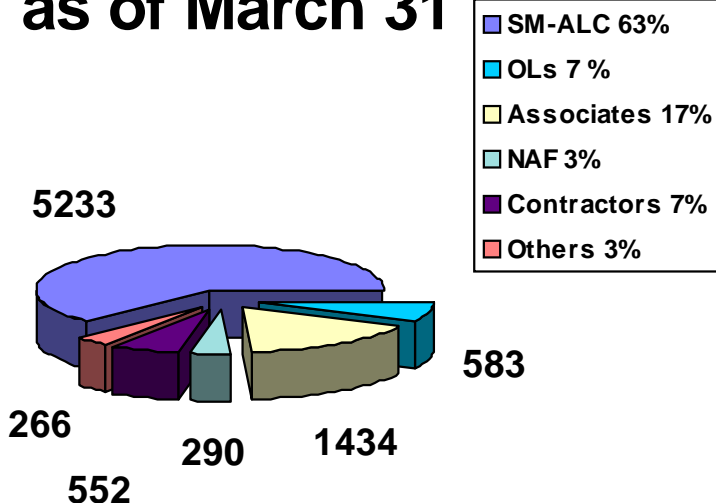
The compliance team started conducting directorate level internal audits in October 1997. These audits ensured employees understood the new directives and gave them the opportunity to review

processes with team members and ask questions. The following March, directorates began their own internal auditing process, with guidance from the compliance team. The team also conducted periodic reviews of those audits to ensure compliance.

As a part of the McClellan Home Page, the handbook was provided by FMD as a ready reference for all base workers. This innovative idea enabled more workers to have ready access to any policy or procedure changes and improved the compliance office ability to communicate changes quickly and directly to their customers.

As the base closing date draws near, the DCAA compliance office continues to assist directorates, keep the handbook updated, reviews audits at other Air Logistics Centers to initiate corrective actions here, and is a part of the Material Inventory Product Team.

## Personnel working on McClellan as of March 31



Source: SM-ALC Civilian Personnel Office  
Information Graphic by Laura J. Williams

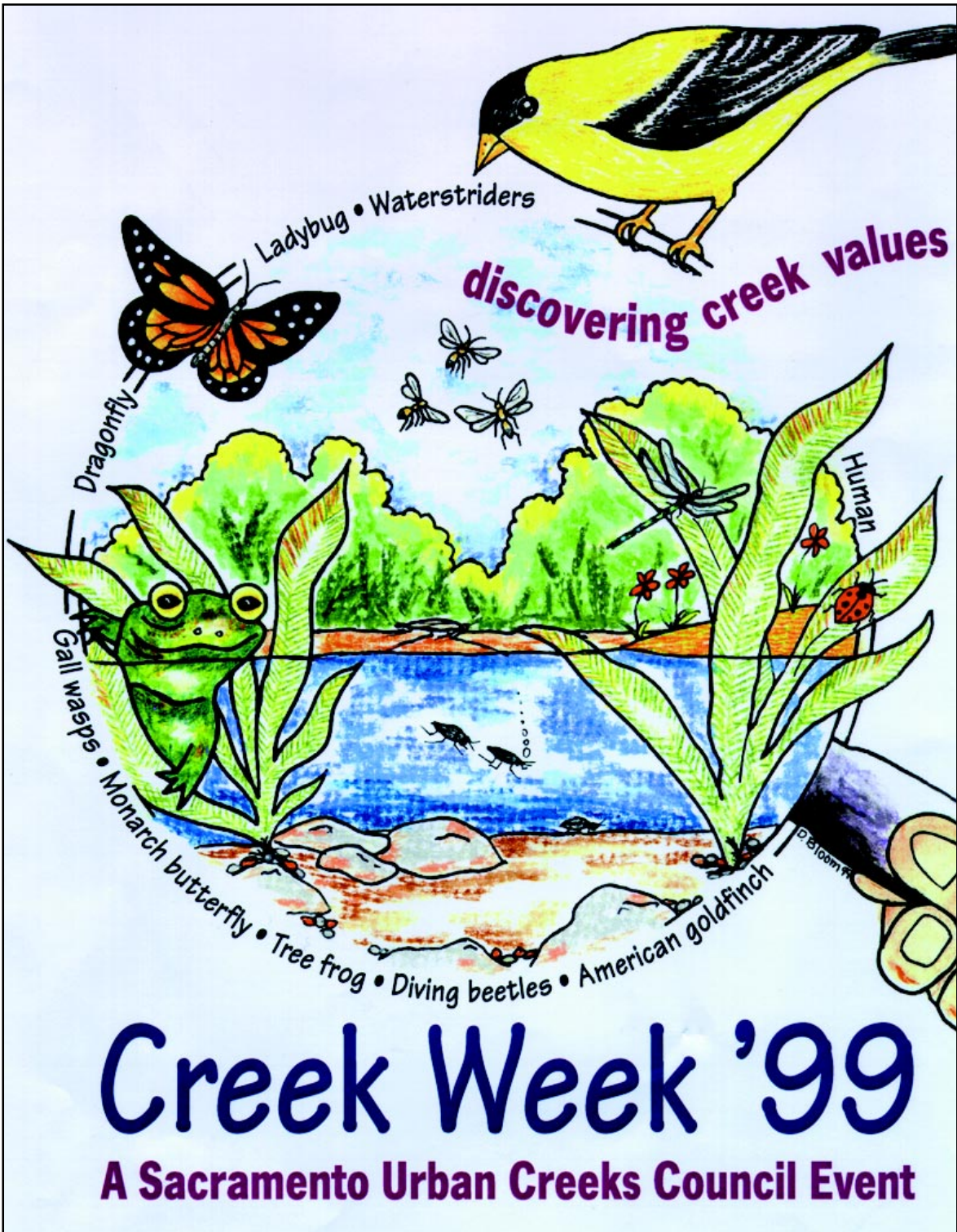
## Command Chief receives new uniform chevrons



Command Chief Master Sgt. Len Czepiel recently received new chevrons for his uniform recognizing his job title change from Senior Enlisted Advisor November 1, 1998. Air Force leaders decided to restructure the senior enlisted advisor position to more closely align their job titles to their service counterparts. "The position and its insignia will make CCMs immediately known to the troops of any service without introduction, as is the case with the Army, Marine Corps and the Navy," said Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, Eric Benken.

U.S. Air Force photo by Edward Rivera





**Top:** Designed by Ben Mundell, Environmental Management's field team intern and his friend Gene Hayes, "Leeroy," a sculpture made of trash collected in McClellan's creeks was awarded first place in the Creek Week Gunk and Junk Sculpture Contest.

**Right:** Heather and Melissa Vincent use gloves to protect themselves while cleaning up Magpie Creek Saturday.

**Below right:** Jennifer Baker, a Highland High School student; Tech. Sgt. Montana Laramie, aircraft electrician for the 652nd Combat Logistics Support Squadron; and retired Air Force Tech. Sgt. Jane Hernandez, a Sacramento County employee; pick trash from around Robla Creek near the north end of the flight line.



U. S. Air Force photos by Laura J. Williams







**Top:** Jennifer Baker (left), a Highland High School student; Tech. Sgt. Montana Laramie, aircraft electrician for the 652nd Combat Logistics Support Squadron; work together to keep from getting wet as they retrieve a soda can from Robla Creek.

**Above:** Heather Vincent, pulls trash from the bushes growing along Magpie Creek. She was one of 95 McClellan volunteers who cleaned creeks on base and in the community. According to Alta Turan, Creek Week committee chairperson and president of the Sacramento Urban Creeks Council, 2,000 volunteers cleaned creeks in the city and county of Sacramento on Saturday.

**Left:** Kim Rasmussen, contract program manager for Environmental Management, hams it up while hefting a piece of light weight sheet metal into a garbage bin. Retired Air Force Tech. Sgt. Jane Hernandez, a Sacramento County employee carries the trash that she collected from a creek on base.





# Hail to the new McClellan Chiefs

The McClellan Air Force Base Chiefs' Group will hold its annual Chiefs' Induction Ceremony tomorrow. There will be a social at 6 p.m. followed by a dinner at 6:30. These members have been selected for promotion to Chief Master Sergeant, the highest enlisted grade. They fulfill the "whole person" concept by excelling in education, job performance and community involvement.

**Senior Master Sgt. Walter L. Sokol, Jr. 77th Communications Squadron**

Sokol is the Global High Frequency Systems chief. In 1993, he served with the Air Force Space Command Inspector General Staff, Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado. He recently returned from four months of supporting peacekeeping operations in relation to Bosnia-Herzegovina and Kosovo.



**Chief Master Sgt. Thomas E. Harrison, SM-ALC, Aircraft Management Directorate**

Harrison is the aircraft manager for the Aircraft Management Directorate. He was the SM-ALS's 1998 Individual Mobilization Augumentee Senior NonCommissioned Officer of the Year. Before his present assignment, he was the avionics superintendent, Commodities Directorate, SM-ALC.



**Col. W. P. "Bear" Ard, 77th Air Base Wing**

Ard will be inducted as an honorary chief master sergeant. Col. Ard assumed his present duties as commander, 77th Air Base Wing, in July 1997. Prior to that, in July 1995, he deployed to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and served as the commander, Joint Support Group and commander, Air Force Forces.



**Chief Master Sgt. Elizabeth A. Rollin, SM-ALC, Commodities and Industrial Support Directorate**

Rollin assumed her current assignment as the production support project manager for the Royal Australian Air Force F-111 Bonded panel workload. In 1984, she was assigned to the SM-ALC Individual Mobilization Augumentee program at McClellan Air Force Base in the Mission Capability section.



**Senior Master Sgt. Edward D. Cahoon, Technical Operations Division**

Cahoon began his current assignment as TOD's first sergeant in July 1995. Prior to that, he served as a first sergeant for the 65th Security Police Squadron and then the 65th Communications Group. Sgt. Cahoon is an Honor Graduate of the Coast Guard Chief Petty Officer Academy.



## Chief's Creed

Chief Master Sergeants are individually to be regarded as people:

*Who cannot be bought;  
Whose word is their bond;  
Who put character above wealth;  
Who possess opinions and a will;  
Who are larger than their vocations;  
Who will not lose their individuality in a crowd;  
Who do not hesitate to take chances;  
Who will be honest in small things as in great ones;  
Who will make no compromise with wrong;  
Whose ambitions are not confined to their own selfish desires and interests;  
Who are true to their friends through good report and evil report, in adversity as well as prosperity;  
Who do not believe that shrewdness, cunning, and hard-headedness are the best qualities for winning success;  
Who are not ashamed or afraid to stand for the truth when it is unpopular, who can say "no" with emphasis, although all the world is saying "yes."*

# Reservists need commissary cards for additional shopping

**Bonnie Powell**

Public Affairs Officer, Eastern Region, Southern Area Office

FORT LEE, VA. – Reservists, do you have your Commissary Privilege Card? If you don't have one, get one. It's your ticket to saving 25 - 30 percent on groceries, and it's an important part of your military benefits.

Congress voted last fall to double the number of visits that reservists, National Guard, and gray area retirees can make to the commissary from 12 to 24. But you still need the Commissary Privilege Card to get in the door. Guard and Reserve units issue the cards to their members.

The expanded commissary benefit is also available to Reserve retirees who are under 60 years old, but will be eligible for retired pay when they turn age 60. The privilege also applies to the dependents of Reserve and retired Reserve personnel.

"Service in the National Guard and Reserve is now more challenging and more difficult than ever before," said Charles L. Cragin, acting assistant secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs. "Doubling the commissary access for reservists and their families helps to level the playing field and

improves their quality of life."

According to Col. James Scott, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs, "Many reservists feel it's a significant entitlement. The problem is lack of awareness - the reservists don't always know about the benefit or take advantage of it."

John Gannon, a retired sergeant major who is a key volunteer with Reserve and family support groups, agrees 100 percent. During his travels, Gannon talks to thousands of reservists and many of them don't understand the significant money they can save at the commissary. "How do you know you can't save money if you don't go?" he asks them. "It's a major benefit to reservists," he said. "They might not see it now, but if they don't start using it now, one day they will wake up and their biggest benefit will be gone."

"We encourage all Guard and Reserve personnel to use their shopping privilege," said Bill Ritz, a commissary management specialist who oversees the Guard/Reserve shopping policy at the Defense Commissary Agency. "They will enjoy shopping for groceries in modern stores, and get great value in the bargain."

Army Reserve	1-800-325-1869
Navy Reserve	1-800 535-2699, ext 5500 or (504) 678-5500
Marine Corps Reserve	(703) 784-9317
Air Force Reserve	1-800-525-0102, ext. 227

For calendar year 1999, the services indicate they will issue two, 12-visit cards to authorized Reserve and Retired Reserve members. For calendar year 2000, the card will be revised to contain 24 blocks.

To shop the commissary, reservists (or immediate family) need a valid ID card and a current Commissary Privilege Card that entitles them to 24 shopping days. Cards, which are usually obtained from the Reserve/Guard unit administrator, are stamped or initialed at each store visit. During active duty, Reserve and Guard personnel can visit the commissary as many times as they wish and do not have to get their card initialed.

Gray area reserve retirees (under age 60 years) usually get their cards by mail, but "judging from some of the phone calls I've gotten, it's not automatic," said Lt. Col. Terry Jones, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs. "And often when they were processed out, no one told them about the benefit."

According to Scott, retirees who want to get "into the system" and obtain a card by mail should contact their regional personnel support team. Reservists needing a Commissary Privilege Card should contact their unit administrator or call:

The new DoD policy also allows National Guard members on state active duty for federally declared disaster operations (and their dependents) to use commissary stores during the period they are in active service status. The required documentation is a military order stating that the National Guard member is serving in support of a federally declared disaster.

For Internet-connected reservists, good information on shopping at the commissary and the Commissary Privilege Card is available at these sites:

<http://www.army.mil/usar/ar-perscom/pasd.htm#anchor000008> and <http://www.arpc.org/director/dr/cards.htm>.



77th Med Group lab accredited

Courtesy 77th Medical Group

The Commission on Laboratory Accreditation of the College of American Pathologists has awarded the 77th Medical Group laboratory a two-year accreditation based on the results of a recent on-site inspection. The laboratory's director was advised of this national recognition and congratulated for the "excellence of the services being provided." The laboratory at 77th Medical Group is one of more than 5,000 CAP-accredited laboratories nationwide. Inspectors examined the records and quality control of the laboratory

for the past two years. They also considered the education and qualifications of the total staff, the adequacy of the facilities, the equipment, laboratory safety, and laboratory management to determine how well the laboratory is serving patients. The 77th Medical Group laboratory consists of the following exceptional personnel: Capt. Yvonne Harmon, Tech. Sgt. Robert Bement, Staff Sgt. Marcelo Bayquen, Staff Sgt. Sheila Haley, Staff Sgt. Jinky Lampano, Senior Airmen Karen Myers, Jennifer Nelson, Robert Blanchard, Alfred Khoo, and Elizabeth Lee.

The CAP Laboratory Accreditation Program, begun in the early 1960s, is recognized by the federal government as being equal to or more stringent than the government's own inspection program. The College of American Pathologists is a medical society serving more than 14,500 physician members and the laboratory community throughout the world. It is the world's largest association composed exclusively of pathologists and is widely considered the leader in quality assurance. The CAP is an advocate for high-quality and cost-effective medical care.

Upcoming  
HAWC  
classes



**LEARN Weight Management**  
The 14-week LEARN Program for Weight Management focuses on skill building in the areas of lifestyles, exercise, attitudes, relationships, and nutrition. LEARN classes start every eight weeks. The next LEARN classes start Wednesday, 8 – 9 a.m., and June 24, 4:45 – 5:45 p.m., at the Health and Wellness Center, Rafferty Hall, Bldg. 1403. **Prostrate Health**, Friday, 1 – 3 p.m.

77th Med Group reveals services draw down plans

Courtesy of 77th Medical Group

The 77th Medical Group reviewed its services in regard to upcoming base closure dates. A schedule was developed to meet base closure deadlines and assure patient care and the orderly closure of the 77th Medical Group. The 60th Medical Group at Travis Air Force Base, Calif. will open a Primary Care Satellite Clinic at McClellan Air Force Base by Sept. 30. The Veterans Administration will take control of the medical treatment facility no later than October 2000. The 77th Medical Group will remain a tenant in the facility until deactivation of

the unit. The purposes of the 60th Medical Group Satellite Clinic at McClellan are to: 1. Maintain a military presence and expand health care access for TRICARE beneficiaries, with the intent to maintain this site as a designated medical treatment location after the 77th Medical Group closure. 2. Increase TRICARE enrollment to the 60th Medical Group. 3. Support Graduate Medical Education by marketing specialty care to a diverse population. The 60th Medical Group Satellite Clinic will serve retirees and their family members who have

chosen the satellite clinic as their Primary Care Clinic, and some Geographically Separated Units in the Sacramento area. The 77th Medical Group will continue to provide care to active duty personnel and their family members until March 2001. After deactivation of the 77th Medical Group, the satellite clinic may sign-up any TRICARE beneficiary category. On Oct. 1, 2000 Primary Care Clinic ends service and becomes an Aid Station for active duty and their family members only. The Aid Station will operate until March 1, 2001. Remaining active duty and families can enroll with Travis or the TRICARE network.

Dental Squadron

Service	Closure Date	Transfer or Stop	Where
Elective Prosthodontics	July 1, 2000	Transfer	Travis
Elective Surgery	July 1, 2000	Transfer	Travis
Hygenists	Oct. 1, 2000	Transfer	Travis
General Dentistry	Oct. 1, 2000	Transfer	Travis
Dental Radiology	Oct. 1, 2000	Transfer	Travis
Dental Laboratory	Oct. 1, 2000	Transfer	Travis

Aeromedical Squadron

Service	Closure Date	Transfer or Stop	Where
Optometry	Oct. 1, 2000	Transfer	Tricare/Travis
Health & Wellness Center	Oct. 1, 2000	Stop	N/A
Medical Evaluation Boards	Oct. 1, 2000	Transfer	Travis
Audiology			
Audiologist	July 1, 2000	Transfer	Travis
Audiology Tech	Oct. 1, 2000	Stop	N/A
Medical Readiness	Oct. 1, 2000	Stop	N/A
Training clearances/profiles	March 1, 2001	Stop	N/A
Commissioning Physicals	March 1, 2001	Transfer	Travis/Beale
Coast Guard Support	March 1, 2001	Transfer	Travis
All other MOUs	Oct. 1, 2000	Transfer	Travis/Beale
Ambulance (in-flights)	Oct. 1, 2000	Stop	N/A
Flight Surgeon's Office	March 1, 2001	Transfer	Travis
Physical Exam/Standards	March 1, 2001	Transfer	Travis
Military Public Health			
Commissary Ops	Nov. 1 98	Transfer	Army
Pub Hlth Shop visits	Oct. 1, 2000	Stop	N/A
Hazcom training	Oct. 1, 2000	Stop	N/A
Sanitation Programs	Oct. 1, 2000	Stop	N/A
Fetal Protection Program	March 1, 2001	Stop	N/A
Med Intelligence Briefings	March 1, 2001	Stop	N/A
Deployment Surveillance	March 1, 2001	Stop	N/A
Anthrax Immun Tracking	March 1, 2001	Stop	N/A
Communicable Disease	March 1, 2001	Stop	N/A
Occ illness reporting	March 1, 2001	Stop	N/A
Occupational Medicine			
Occ Health Exams	March 1, 2001	Stop	N/A
Shop Visitation Program	March 1, 2001	Stop	N/A
Occ Health Working Grp	Jan. 1, 2001	Stop	N/A
Physical Exams	March 1, 2001	Stop	N/A
Compensation Mgmt	Oct. 1, 2000	Stop	N/A
Sick Call	Oct. 1, 2000	Stop	N/A
Bioenvironmental			
Industrial Hygiene	Oct. 1, 2000	Stop	N/A
Industrial Hazard & BRAC Surveys	July 1, 2001	Stop	N/A
Archiving Information	April 1, 2001	Stop	N/A
Bio Emergency Response	April 1, 2001	Transfer	County

Medical Operations Squadron

Service	Closure Date	Transfer or Stop	Where
Primary Care Clinic	Oct. 1, 2000	Transfer	Travis
Extended Clinic hours	April 1, 1999	Stop	N/A
Aid Station			
(AD & ADFM only)	March 1, 2001	Stop	N/A (1)
Ophthalmology	Oct. 1, 1999	Transfer	Tricare/Travis
Allergy (non-AD)	Oct. 1, 1999	Transfer	Tricare/Travis
AD	Oct. 1, 2000	Transfer	Tricare/Travis
Ambulance Transport	Oct. 1, 1999	Transfer	911/Am. Riv.
Physical Therapy (non-AD)	Oct. 1, 1999	Transfer	Tricare/Travis
Physical Therapy (AD)	Oct. 1, 2000	Transfer	Travis
Inpatient beds,			
Mercy Folsom Hospital			
External Agreement	Oct. 1, 2000	Transfer	VA/Travis
Pediatrics	Oct. 1, 2000	Transfer	Tricare/Travis
Travis Ped Outreach	Oct. 1, 2000	Transfer	Tricare/Travis
Women's Health	Oct. 1, 2000	Transfer	Travis/VA
Mental Health	Oct. 1, 2000	Transfer	Tricare/Travis
Family Advocacy	Oct. 1, 2000	Transfer	Travis/Beale
Substance Abuse	Oct. 1, 2000	Transfer	Travis/Beale
Central appointments	Oct. 1, 2000	Stop	Aid Station staff
Record Section	Oct. 1, 2000	Transfer	Travis
Record Copying	Oct. 1, 2000	Stop	N/A
Acute appointments	March 1, 2001	Transfer	Tricare/Travis
24 hour PCM/HCIL line	March 1, 2001	Transfer	Tricare/Travis
Immunizations	March 1, 2001	Transfer	Tricare/Travis

Medical Support Squadron

Service	Closure Date	Transfer or Stop	Where
Radiology			
Ultrasound	Oct. 1, 2000	Transfer	Tricare/Travis
Mammography	Oct. 1, 2000	Transfer	Tricare/Travis
Special	Oct. 1, 2000	Transfer	Tricare/Travis
Routine	March 1. 2001	Transfer	Tricare/Travis
Pharmacy	Oct. 1, 2000	Transfer	Tricare/Travis
National Mail Order			
Lab			
Extended Hours	April 1, 1999	Stop	N/A
Civilian Dr Requests	July 1, 1999	Transfer	Tricare/Travis
Lab operations	Oct. 1, 2000	Transfer	Tricare/Travis
Information Management	March 1 01	Stop	N/A
Bus Ops/Beneficiary Supt	March 1 01	Stop	N/A
Tricare Service Center	Oct. 1, 2000	Transfer	Travis/VA
Education and Training	Oct. 1, 2000	Stop	N/A
Library	Oct. 1, 2000	Stop	N/A
Commander's Supt Staff	July 1, 2001	Stop	N/A
Logistics	July 1, 2001	Stop	N/A





## F.Y.I



### Angel award nominations

Nominations are being accepted for the annual Angel Award. The Angel Award is a prestigious award that recognizes extraordinary volunteers as individuals or groups who have contributed significantly to the well being of Air Force people, their families and our community. Pick up nomination forms at the Community Support Center or see your first sergeant for a form. Several individuals will be presented the award Wednesday during a luncheon at the McClellan Community Center, 11:15 a.m. – 1 p.m.

For more information, call Theresa Mora at 643-1106.



## Library events



### Mystery mile contest

In honor of Health and Fitness Month, the Base Library will sponsor a "Mystery Miles" contest. All base employees and their families may enter. Participants ride a stationary exercise bike in the library and register their mileage. The closest recorded distances to the three figures pre-selected by the library staff will win prizes. There will be a short, medium and long distance mileage chosen. Contest runs through April 30.

### Haiku and tanka contest

Asian-Pacific heritage is spotlighted in May at the Base Library with a haiku and tanka writing contest. Haiku is a Japanese poem with seventeen syllables. Traditionally, they imply a season or a scene in nature. Tanka has two additional lines of seven syllables.

Entry forms are available at the circulation desk. Submissions will be accepted until April 30. Prizes of gift certificates to local book and music stores will be awarded in each category. The contest is open to all base personnel and their families. A display of library materials and a bibliography will also be prepared on Asian-Pacific cultures.

For further information on these activities, contact the base librarian, Weldon Champneys, at 643-4640.



## Meetings



### SMW meets

The Society of Military Widows, Sacramento Chapter #5 will hold a joint luncheon May 8 at the Holiday Inn in Fairfield, Calif. Social begins at 11:30 a.m. and lunch is served at 12:15 p.m. Menu choices include: Chicken Dijon, Grill London Broil and Pasta Primavera, ice tea and dessert. The cost is \$21. Make check payable to Bee Struton and mail to 6935 22nd Street, Rio Linda CA 95673. A bus (free) will leave from the base museum parking lot at 10:15 a.m.

For more information, call Edna Brown at 422-0891.

### WAC Veterans Association meets

The Women's Army Corps Veterans Association, Sacramento Chapter #96 meets at the Base Chapel Annex every third Saturday except July and August at 1 p.m. Refreshments are served. Visitors are always welcome.

For more information, call 334-4084.



## Transition Aid



### Saturday morning specials

For assistance to help improve your resumes or for guidance in planning and preparing for base closure transitions, the Community Support Center has a "Saturday Morning Special" for you.

Through May 1, the CSC will conduct Saturday Morning Specials, 8 a.m. – noon, Bldg. 1407 on a trial basis. If Saturday Morning Specials are successful, the CSC plans to be open on Saturdays as long as needed.

If you want to call ahead for an appointment, call 643-1106, but an appointment is not necessary.



## Fund raiser



### NCOA Bazaar

The *Spirit of Sacramento* Noncommissioned Officer Association Auxiliary will host its annual bazaar to raise funds for the Disaster Relief Fund and other base and community activities May 22, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. The bazaar will be held in the North Highlands Community Center parking lot, 6040 Watt Ave., North Highlands.

There will be many items for sale at the bazaar, such as clothing, shoes, games, exercise equipment, furniture, appliances, nic-nacs, dishes, tool, etc. Donations will be accepted until May 21.

Contact Tammy Sullivan at 568-4123, Melanie Barry at 922-8870 or Chief Master Sgt. Jim Sullivan at 643-3286 to make arrangements for pick up or drop off. All donations are greatly appreciated.



## Base Chapel



### Appreciation banquet

The McClellan Air Force Base Protestant parish will hold its final appreciation banquet May 14, 6 p.m. at the McClellan Community Center. The banquet will celebrate over 50 years of Protestant parish service for base personnel.

The cost of the banquet dinner is \$5 and includes a choice of marinated chicken breast or sirloin marinade. Various groups who have ministered to the parish and the community over the years will be recognized during the event. The evening will conclude with an hour of top-quality entertainment featuring the Bowker Brothers. They will provide music and humor and other forms of musical entertainment.

Everyone is invited. Anyone interested in attending should stop by the Base Chapel administrative office, Bldg. 1420, and make a reservation by May 7.

For more information, call the Base Chapel at 643-6021.





## Movies

Movies start at 7 p.m. in Bldg. 1417.

### The Other Sister - Friday

*Diane Keaton, Juliette Lewis* – Carla is a slightly retarded 24-year old who is ready to explore life after graduating from a private boarding school. She returns home with new dreams and ambitions. Her need for personal fulfillment begins to express itself in ways her mother is unable to accept. Rated PG-13 (thematic elements involving sex-related material) 131 minutes.

### The Corruptor – Saturday and Sunday

*Mark Wahlburg, Chow Yun-Fat* – Nick Chen is one of NYPD's most decorated officers. The first Chinese born immigrant on the force, his new partner, Danny Wallace learns firsthand how power and influence have compromised his superiors. Rated R (strong violence, language and sexuality) 111 minutes.

## Youth Center

**Today:** Open recreation, 2 - 7 p.m.; open gym, 2 - 3 p.m. and 4 - 7 p.m.; open snack bar, 2 - 6 p.m.; advanced gymnastics, 3 - 4 p.m.

**Friday:** Open recreation, gym, snack bar 2 - 6 p.m.; B&GC basketball tournament.

**Saturday:** Open recreation, snack bar and gym, noon - 5 p.m.

**Sunday:** Closed

**Monday:** Open recreation and gym, 2 - 7 p.m. Open snack bar 2 - 6 p.m.; summer basketball registration begins, grades 7-12.

**Tuesday:** Open recreation, 2 - 7 p.m.; open gym, 4:15 - 6 p.m.; snack bar, 2 - 6 p.m.; beginning gymnastics 2:15 - 3:15 p.m. and 3:15 - 4:15 p.m.; Tae Kwon Do 6 - 7 p.m. Moms and tots group 10 - 11 a.m.

**Wednesday:** Open recreation, gym 2 - 7 p.m.; and snack bar 2 - 6 p.m. Couples Communication Class, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. To sign up, call Family Advocacy at 643-1518.

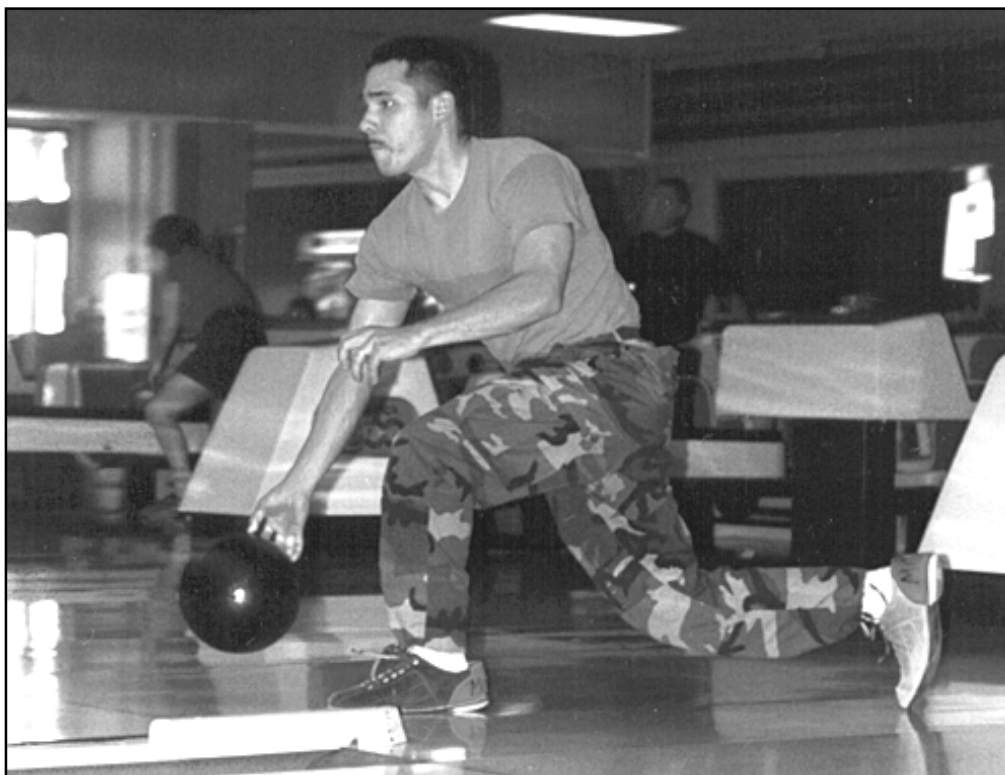
### Summer Fun registration

Register for the Summer Fun program before Sunday. This is a day camp featuring a variety of activities.

## Recreation Brief

**Off limit rafting forks:** The Coast Guard and the Base Ground Safety Office have determined forks in the American River above Folsom Lake to be unsafe for rafting, boating, and swimming.

All forks of the American River above Folsom Lake are off limits to rafting, boating, or swimming unless under the supervisor of a licensed rafter and guide service. Exceptions for rafting and boating may be granted on an individual basis to those personnel who demonstrate proficiency (certified) in this activity. Requests may be submitted through the individual's unit to 77th Service Division for approval. For more information call Phil Kinyon, 643-6660.



U.S. Air Force photos by Laura J. Williams

# Help NCOA bowl against dystrophy

The McClellan chapters of the Noncommissioned Officers Association will sponsor their 7th annual Bowling Against Dystrophy Bowl-a-thon May 1. The 9-pin no-tap event will be held at the Birdcage Bowl in Citrus Heights beginning at 1 p.m. Registration starts at 12:30 p.m. Deadline to enter a team is tomorrow.

Fourteen teams participated in last year's event, which raised over \$3,500 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association to help Jerry's kids in the greater Sacramento area.

The MDA sponsors raise funds throughout the year to help make possible worldwide research effort and a vast array of services. Since 1951, MDA has funneled

more than \$48 million to researchers in 35 countries on six continents. And many times that amount has been awarded in MDA research grants in the United States.

Before the founding MDA in 1950, very little was known about muscular dystrophy. Through MDA's efforts, that picture has changed dramatically. Most of the knowledge gained since 1950 about muscular dystrophy and other diseases that affect the muscles and nerves is a result of the work of the MDA-supported researchers.

For an entry package for or additional information about Bowling Against Dystrophy, call Staff Sgt. Tyrone Reynolds at 643-5769 or Chief Master Sgt. Jim Sullivan at 643-3286.

# Volunteers support the Special Olympics

**2nd Lt. Robert A. Firman**  
Staff Writer

The Special Olympics in Sacramento are less than a month away and the volunteer effort at McClellan is picking up steam.

"We've got 21 teams so far," said Capt. Donna Ward, coordinator for this year's event. "We're hoping for even more to sign up, but we've been very pleased with the willingness of so many to volunteer already."

Each team is composed of a team captain and walkers who work to raise money for the Special Olympics. The money goes to support the event in a variety of ways ranging from buying uniforms to providing awards for the athletes.

"The way it works is each team spends time raising money now. Then on the day of the event (May 14) the teams participate in the Walk for the Gold and the opening ceremonies," said Ward. "It's really exciting to be there and see the athletes, their families, and the volunteers all together. It's a great opportunity to help with a worthy cause."

The teams on base have already done a variety of projects to raise money. For example, Friday the Company Grade Officers Council pumped gas on base for donations. A team from the Military Personnel Flight is planning a hot-



U.S. Air Force photo by 2nd Lt. Robert A. Firman

Promoted just this week, Capt. Lorena Bailey, 77th Air Base Wing executive officer, offers service with a smile as she fills up a gas tank to help raise money for the Special Olympics. The gas pumping fund raiser was just one way that base members help the Special Olympics. To find out how you can help contact Capt. Donna Ward at 643-6027.

dog/hamburger sale in the near future.

According to Capt. Jay Galbreath, chief of Personnel Relocations and Employment and team captain for the MPF team, "This is really going great! Our team is almost all from the office, so it's a great chance for us to do some team building of our own in addition to supporting this cause." Galbreath added, "It's very exciting to be a part of this effort. You get to see the kids' faces as they're competing. They're true competitors and

getting to participate in helping with this event and working with them is really inspiring!"

The Walk for the Gold is May 14 at California State University Sacramento's Hornet Stadium. The walk is about a mile and a half starting at Hornet Stadium and running through the campus of CSUS.

More volunteers are still needed to help raise money and work during the competition.

For more information or to volunteer, call Capt. Donna Ward at 643-6027.



## Firefighters, Medics team up to hone skills



**Above:** Staff Sgt. Mandy Luna (left) and Senior Airman Aimee Allen (right) prepare Sarha Arroyo, a volunteer accident victim, to be removed from a bus. This was part of a joint 77th Medical Group and Fire Protection Branch exercise Saturday. This is the first time the medics and rescue squad have exercised working the medical rescue and extrication at the same time in the same space. This added another dimension to the experience according to Staff Sgt. Robert Anthony, Fire Alarm Communications Center Noncommissioned Officer in Charge. In past exercises, the fire crew removed the victims before the medics could work on them. "Working shoulder to shoulder to help the mock-victims, made the exercise more realistic," said Anthony.

**Left:** As part of an exercise on base Saturday, Senior Airman John Mangual, fire protection specialist, breaks the glass with a hand tool on a car that was involved in a mock-accident. This allowed the medics to gain access to the patients inside. They then used hydraulic cutters and the "jaws of life" to open and roll back the roof, peeling the wreckage from the victims who were then removed from the vehicle without further injury.

U.S. Air Force photos by Laura J. Williams

## Detachment 40 earns AFMC Transportation Award

**2nd Lt. Robert A. Firman**  
Staff Writer

Doing more with less has become the essence of Detachment 40's existence in recent years, and they've done it well. So well, in fact, they recently won the Air Force Materiel Command Special Transportation Activity of the Year Award.

Since 1997, Det. 40's workload has increased 65 percent. The personnel handled the increased workload without misdirecting any shipments or experiencing transportation delays. According to Master Sgt. Jack Marth, deputy chief of Material Handling, "We've been given a great deal of responsibility and the people of Det. 40 have risen to the challenge. We have achieved 100 percent customer satisfaction and I'm very proud of the men and women on this team."

Last year, Det. 40 implemented a new program to move cargo via surface transportation around the West Coast. "This was a completely original idea that we built from the ground up," said Marth. "This took a great deal of coordinating and logistical planning. Ultimately, it has been a success and we've improved efficiency and customer service a great deal with minimal cost."

Det. 40 personnel often find them-

selves called upon to handle difficult missions worldwide. "We move a lot of stuff all over the world," said Marth. "In fact, our workload compares closely with the workload of Travis, Dover, and Charleston transportation organizations," three Air Mobility Command bases.

Despite their often extreme workload requirements, Det. 40 members have found the time to become involved in the local community. Personnel spend many hours of their personal time volunteering with charitable organizations. "We worked with the Jerry Lewis Muscular Dystrophy Telethon taking pledges," said Marth. "Members of the team also spend time coaching sports teams, acting as mentors, and doing a variety of other community improvement activities." Last fall, Det. 40 members also supported local district voting halls, sorting and distributing ballots for the primary congressional elections.

"The workload peaked last summer to an all time high. Everyone here worked together as one, without regard to specific career fields. This group has been and they remain the best of the best. The truth of that has been recognized now by the MAJCOM and that recognition is echoed throughout the rest of the Materiel Command and the customers we service," Marth added.



U.S. Air Force photos by 2nd Lt. Robert A. Firman



**Above:** Staff Sgt. Steve Dieter pushes a pallet of materials onto a C-130. Det. 40's workload is comparable to the transportation work loads at much larger Air Force bases. **Left:** Staff Sgt. Steve Dieter works to load a C-130. Det. 40 personnel load aircraft for various customers on a weekly basis, and load and ship via ground transportation on a daily basis.